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INFORMATION FACILITATION CENTRES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had opened a number of Information Facilitation Centres all over the country to extend help to exporters and importers;

(b) if so, the number of such IFCs presently operating in the country with their locations;

(c) the number of such IFCs likely to be opened in 2002-2003 in new locations;

(d) whether such IFCs will give information on all export related matters and the EXIM policy; and

(e) if so, the details of the information and assistance which will be offered by such centres?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (e) : All the 31 field offices of the DGFT also function as export facilitation centres and centres to redress grievances of the exporters. At the moment there is no proposal to open any new facilitation centre. All these 31 offices also provide information relating to the Exim Policy and related issues. Elaborate details of various schemes as mentioned in the export/import Policy Book and the Handbook of Procedures are easily available and accessible at our website http://www.nic.in/eximpol, which is updated from time to time.